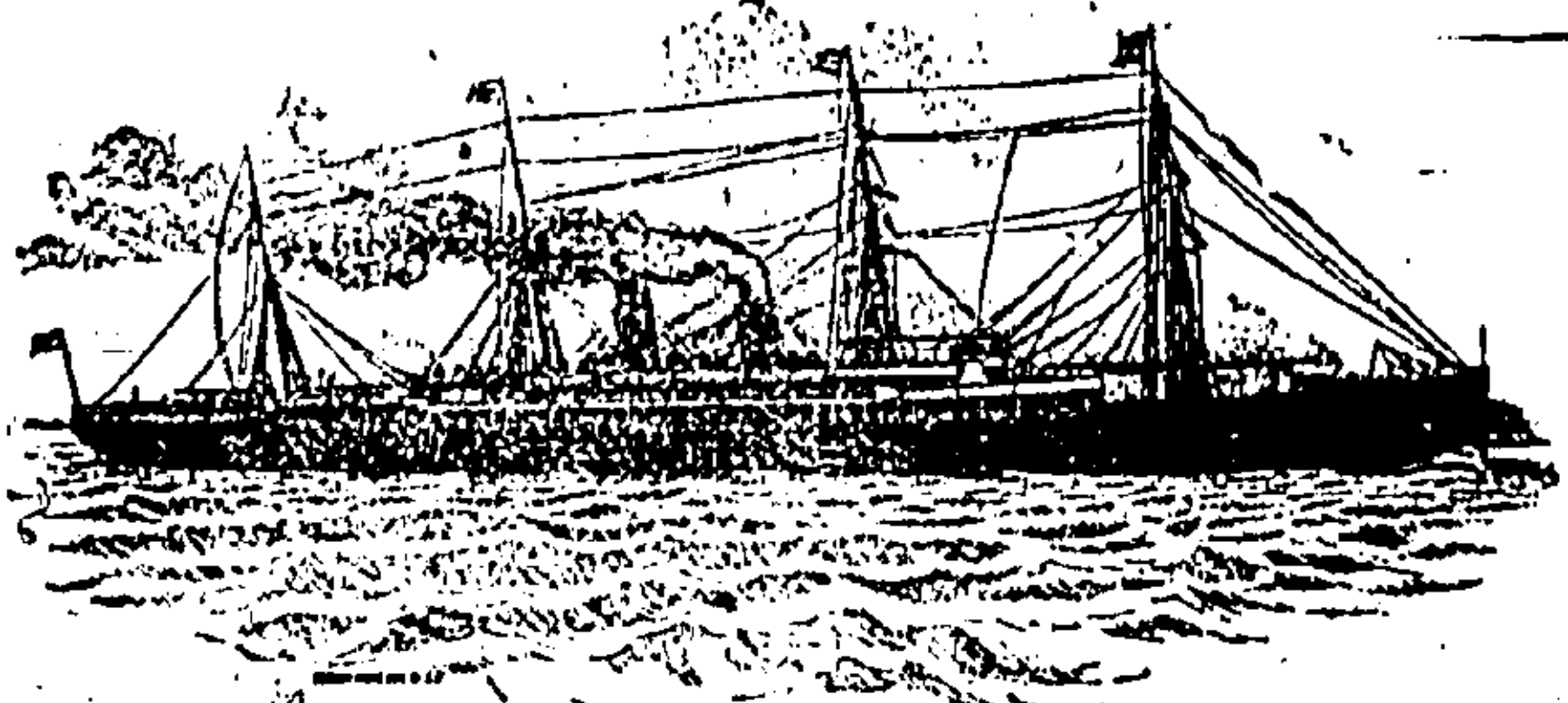






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## PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CHINA"	5,060 Gross Tons	WEDNESDAY, 20th January, at Daylight.
"DORIO"	4,784 "	FRIDAY, 29th January, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 6th February, at Noon.
"BIBERIA"	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	4,352 "	TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	6,307 "	WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.
"KOREA"	11,276 "	THURSDAY, 10th March, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	4,205 "	SATURDAY, 19th March, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 26th March, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The P. M. Company's Steamship "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at Daylight, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

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Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. J. STUART THOMSON, Acting Agent.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1904. D. E. BROWN, General Agent, 9, Pedder's Street.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

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Sithonia HAVRE and HAMBURG. 8th March. Freight.

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For further Particulars, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1904.

## Shipping—Steamers.

## HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

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S.S. "HONAM,"	2,363 tons,	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN,"	2,338 "	G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
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"HANKOW,"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
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This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 7.30 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7.30 A.M.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

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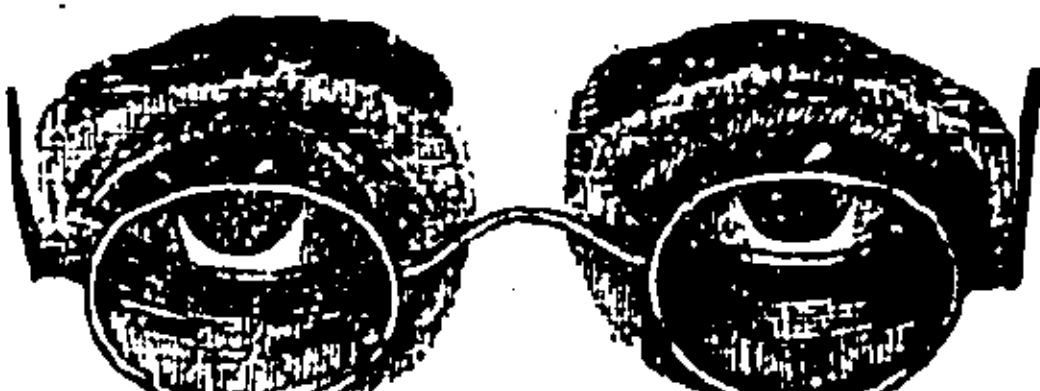
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Hongkong, 9th February, 1903.

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Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. O. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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## HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

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For Terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900.

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## THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th January, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 15th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 20th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

General Agents for

The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

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## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

General Agents for

The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904.

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## THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

General Agents for

The West Point Building Co., Limited.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1904.

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## F. BLACKHEAD &amp; CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTOR AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903.

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## THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that LEONARD SCHADE VAN WESTRUM, of Berlin, Germany, Merchant, has on the 12th day of September, 1903, applied for the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following Trade Mark:—The Arbitrary Word "Westrumite," in the Name of Leonard Schade van Westrum who claims to be the Proprietor thereof. The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicant since April, 1903, in respect of the following Goods:—Means consisting of Water mixed with Oily Substances for the preventing Formation of Dust and Dust Explosions in Class 50. A Facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

Dated the 15th day of December, 1903.

DENNIS & BOWLEY, Solicitors for the Applicant.

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## THE REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE is hereby given that GEORG GRAF V. THURN-SCHES STAHLWERK STREITBACH, of Streiten, Austria, have on the 14th day of September, 1903, applied for the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following Trade Mark:—The device of an anchor through the Letter "O" in the name of Georg Graf v. Thurn-Sches Stahlwerk Streitbach who claim to be the Proprietors thereof. The Trade Mark has been used by the Applicants in respect







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Hongkong, 9th January, 1904.

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Hongkong, 8th January, 1904.

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CLARKE,CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND  
SHIPBUILDERS,  
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A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

A. C. Code.

Liebner's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

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THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer  
made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

NOTICE  
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## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1904.

## RUSSIA AND HER RAILWAY.

In connection with the present crisis and  
the probable outbreak of hostilities between  
Russia and Japan in the near future much  
has been written with regard to the relative  
strength of the two nations as war powers.  
In reviewing the land forces of Russia parti-  
cular importance has often been given to  
the enormous masses of fighting men she  
can dispose of, and comparisons have been  
made between the teeming hordes of steep-  
bearded Cossacks and the brave, but limited,  
forces of Japan. Our local contemporary,  
the *South China Morning Post*, has given an  
account of an interesting interview with the  
Russian Consul in this city, during which  
Mr. C. de Bolozowsky laid particular stress  
on the overwhelming forces at the disposal  
of his Government. That there is still some  
truth in the famous military axiom, *Le bon  
Dieu est avec les gros escadrons*, there can be  
no doubt; but everything depends on the  
facilities existing for bringing these *gros  
escadrons* to the fighting line. That the Russian  
Army is the most powerful, so far as numbers  
are concerned, is an accepted fact, but that  
she could, in event of war, dispose of even a  
quarter of her *effectifs* to face a Japanese  
invasion of Manchuria, and that the existing  
means of communication, stretching from  
her base in Europe right across the contin-  
ent of Asia, would prove a reliable means  
for assuring a steady flow of reinforcements  
and stores is a very doubtful matter. The  
last frontier town of European Russia,  
Cheliabinsk, is exactly four thousand, seven  
hundred and forty-one miles, by the Trans-  
Siberian line, from Dalny, and it should be  
borne in mind that the track is a single one.  
The capacity of the railway for transporting  
large reinforcements and supplies in the  
event of war may, at first sight, appear to be  
rather greater than it actually is. The line  
has been designed to admit of nineteen  
trains passing each way during the twenty-  
four hours; but when we look back upon the  
congested state of the traffic, and recall the  
delays which occurred in South  
Africa, during the Transvaal war, on a far  
shorter single line, which was a good deal  
superior in many ways, it is hardly likely  
that this scheme could be successfully car-  
ried out under pressure. Breakdowns must  
inevitably occur. In fact, it is probable  
that the entire organization would collapse.  
Throughout the whole length of the line the  
method of attaching the rails to the sleepers  
is most primitive and, until the line has been  
practically rebuilt, it is hard to see how any  
extraordinary increase of pressure could be  
borne. Until considerable modifications  
have been made, for the conveyance of  
troops and large masses of material, the sea  
route has a very decided advantage, as was  
demonstrated in the sea transport to South  
Africa, which showed itself so vastly super-  
ior in all points to that by land. It re-  
mains to be seen whether Japan will allow  
her antagonist the facilities of transport-  
ing her reinforcements by sea, and it is  
undoubtedly in her interests, at the outset,  
to provoke a naval combat, on the results  
of which success or disaster to that nation  
will depend. Then again, notwithstanding  
her immense Army Russia cannot withdraw  
her troops from her frontiers in Europe and  
Asia Minor, and she has to maintain big  
garrisons in the Southern part of her  
Empire, where discontent and revolutionary  
propaganda is rampant. The war, if war  
there is, in all probability, reserves surprises  
for the world that are more likely to  
"stagger humanity" than the unforeseen, pre-  
dicted by Mr. Kruger, and one is justified  
in predicting that the first bubble to be  
pricked will be the much-vaunted strategical  
value of Russia's great railway.

THE latest addition to the P. and O. Steam  
Navigation Company, the twin-screw s.s. *Man-  
more*, was open for public exhibition in Tilbury  
Docks for two days. A charge of one shilling  
was made, and the proceeds were to be handed  
to the Passmore Edwards's District Cottage  
Hospital, Tilbury.

IN answer to an application made by some  
members of the Volunteer Corps, H.E. the  
Officer Administering the Government has  
approved a uniform which may be procured by  
members of the Corps for wear at concerts,  
etc.; the pattern to be approved by the Com-  
mandant, and the expense to be borne by the  
members themselves.

THE new line of telegraph between Ferghana  
and Chinese Turkestan has been completed,  
the terminal point being Irkeshtam. The  
new line will later on be extended to join the  
terminus of the Chinese telegraph system.  
The Russians propose, with the consent of the  
Peking Government, to construct their exten-  
sion themselves.

IT is notified in the *Gazette* that the appoint-  
ment of Mr. J. H. Kemp to be Assistant  
Secretary to the Sanitary Board is dated from  
the 11th instant, and that he has been author-  
ized by the President of the Sanitary Board,  
under Section 7 of the Public Health and  
Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903, to per-  
form all or any of the duties of the Secretary to  
the Board.

MR. Alleyne Ireland, the well-known *Times*  
correspondent, arrived in Hongkong yesterday  
from Tonking, where he has been making  
extensive research with a view to furnishing  
that journal with a series of articles dealing  
with French-Indo China. His stay in the  
Colony is likely to be lengthy as, we under-  
stand, he is about to make a new and exhaustive  
study of the local administration.

THE *Forstliche Zeitung* relates the almost  
unique case of a married couple at Leipzig, near  
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As announced elsewhere in this issue the  
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of Natus' Kok (Kowloon Peak), between the  
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ment has appointed Mr. H. J. Gompertz,  
Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of  
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effect on and from the 11th instant.

THE directors of the Eastern Extension  
Australasia and China Telegraph Company  
have declared an interim dividend for the  
quarter ended Sept. 30 last of 2s. 6d. per share,  
free of income tax, payable yesterday.

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from Manila on 8th inst., and it is understood  
her master reported having sighted, the pre-  
vious day, a large steamer ashore to the east-  
ward. There was no confirmation of this report  
at the Master Attendant's Office.

VERY widespread interest will be aroused by  
the announcement of the Duke of Norfolk's  
engagement to Miss Gwendolen Mary Maxwell.  
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England and Scotland respectively will thus  
be united. The Duke is thirty-six and the bride  
is twenty-six.

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was made, and the proceeds were to be handed  
to the Passmore Edwards's District Cottage  
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members of the Volunteer Corps, H.E. the  
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members of the Corps for wear at concerts,  
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the terminal point being Irkeshtam. The  
new line will later on be extended to join the  
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Secretary to the Sanitary Board is dated from  
the 11th instant, and that he has been author-  
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under Section 7 of the Public Health and  
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Matsumoto. The former has had much ex-  
perience as correspondent to a number of  
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press messages to a word from England  
to the United States, and still be in a position  
to make a satisfactory profit.

## MRS. BAY.

The following hydrographic memorandum,  
dated, Commander-in-Chief's office, China, 5th  
inst, is published in the *Gazette*:—(1) There  
is a 4 1/2 fm. patch with rocky bottom East  
of Pengchau, about 1/2 mile long, in north and  
south direction in following position:—Peng-  
chau 148 ft. N. 80 W.; E. Cone N. 3 W.; Islet  
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in the following position:—Peak Rock N. 42  
E.; N. mt. Crooked Id. S. 6 E.; E. extremity  
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Notice to Mariners No. 124 of 1903 is the  
southern limit of this shoal, which extends S.  
E'd. from the mouth of the Sha-tan river.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The acting Colonial Secretary informs us  
that, at the Council meeting, on Tuesday, the  
Hon. Gerald Stewart will ask the Director of  
Public Works:—

(1) Under what conditions are public com-  
panies or private individuals permitted to pick  
up and obstruct the public highways?

(2) In the event of the party responsible  
being dilatory in the completion of work  
involving the picking up of public roads, what  
powers have the Government to compel them  
to proceed with expedition?

(3) Can offenders be fined so much per diem  
if found negligent?

(4) Are the crossings provided during the  
construction of the low level tramway, where  
the public highways are picked up, passed by  
the Public Works Department as proper and  
adequate for the traffic they have to carry?

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND  
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## ANNUAL MEETING

The seventh ordinary general meeting of  
shareholders in the above company was held  
at the offices of the general manager, Messrs.  
Shewan, Tomes & Co., at 11 a.m. to-day.  
There were present: Mr. C. A. Tomes (chair-  
man), Dr. J. Noble, Messrs. J. S. Van Buren,  
Chow Hing Kee and J. H. Lewis (Consulting  
Committee), A. Babington, E. Owen, F. Paget  
Hett, W. R. Robertson, G. M. Bain, E. H.  
Sharp, Terry, McGubbin, Capt. Evans, Fung  
Wa Chun, Si Un and G. Somerville (secretary).

The notice convening the meeting having  
been read,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the re-  
port and accounts having been in your hands  
for some time we will, with your permission,  
follow the usual custom and take them as read.  
There is nothing in the accounts that calls for  
very special mention. You will see the loans  
on the provident system have increased by  
\$153,000 odd, which is satisfactory, as our aim  
is to get as much capital out on these loans as  
possible. Charges account is slightly higher, hav-  
ing been increased by an expense for some plans  
of a property which we, at one time, contem-  
plated building upon, but which was afterwards  
sold in a block. The other amounts in the accounts  
all explain themselves and require no comment.

At the beginning of the year it was a little  
difficult to lend on satisfactory security, the  
property market being very lifeless. For some  
months we had not quite so much money out  
on loan as we might have had, but during the  
latter part of the year we have had a better  
demand and placed considerable amounts on  
good properties. Our loans are all quite satis-  
factory and we are again able to report a free-  
dom from bad debts. Before moving the adop-  
tion of the report and accounts, I shall be  
pleased to answer any questions. I must ex-  
plain that, through some unaccountable error  
in printing the report, the report was sent out  
without proper supervision and before an error  
was detected. The name of Dr. Noble, who had  
been invited to join the Consulting Committee,  
was, by some unaccountable means, left out of  
the report. Proper apology has been made to  
him and the same is due to the shareholders.  
I cannot explain how it happened. More atten-  
tion was paid perhaps to the figures in the  
accounts, than to the wording of the report.

There being no questions, the Chairman pro-  
posed, Mr. Bain seconded, and it was agreed  
that the report and accounts as presented be  
adopted and passed.

## CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

On the proposition of Mr. F. Paget Hett,  
seconded by Mr. Terry, Messrs. J. S. Van  
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## AUDITORS.

On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Lewis, second-  
ed by Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Messrs. A. O'D.  
Gourdin and W. H. Potts were re-elected  
auditors.

The Chairman:—That is all the business,  
gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready  
on Monday.

## THE P. &amp; O. CO.

At the annual meeting of the proprietors of  
the P. and O. Company Sir Thomas Sutherland,  
as is his wont, made an interesting statement,  
interperated here and there with those touches  
of humour with which the chairman of the  
premier British shipping company has so well  
the happy knack of overlaying his facts. There  
is always a long list of, shall we say, real or  
imaginary evils besetting the company; but,  
and it is usually a substantial but, the  
dividend, and indeed bonus now for some  
years also, comes out in a satisfac-  
tory manner. The most interesting state-  
ment as far as our readers are concerned  
was the reference to the reduction of fares to  
the Far East, the announcement of which we  
made a few weeks ago. It will be remembered  
that India had already been favoured in this  
way, at a time when the Far East had also  
looked for a similar reduction—on general  
lines. The impetus has come, however, from  
the completion for passenger traffic of the  
Siberian railway. It was here that Sir Thomas  
gave one of his happy touches by remarking  
that the traveller will now have the great ad-  
vantage of proceeding by the Siberian route,  
and the still greater advantage of returning by  
the P. and O. line. Probably in the long  
run the company is likely to be no longer  
by the rail route, any more than ultimately the  
company has been a sufferer by the great exten-  
sion of the Pacific route during the last 35  
years—since the days when the San Francisco  
run was performed by old paddle-wheel walk-  
ing-beam vessels, and the passenger had to go  
south and traverse the Isthmus of Panama to  
reach New York. That was a time, too, when  
report says that Sir Thomas was an eager  
exponent of the desirability of the P. and O.  
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that post he was recalled to the directorate,  
and subsequently chairmanship of the P. and  
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nage constructed, Sir Thomas was justified in  
alluding to it as a time that met with decided  
approval by shareholders. If the competition  
of the Siberian route was not to be feared as a  
serious competitor, but rather as an adjunct  
to the passenger list, it may be different with  
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seen this season patronised the race course and  
took a very keen interest in the gallops. The  
weather was delightfully fine and bracing, the  
air being neither too warm nor too cool, and early  
enthusiasts thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings.  
There was, of course, the usual attendance  
of owners, jockeys, timekeepers and so on in  
addition to the little gathering of ladies, who  
usually watch the racing operations, and  
trials from the balcony of the Grand Stand.  
Besides those whose names I have already  
mentioned, this morning I noticed Mr. and  
Mrs. E. Goetz, Mr. E. R. Ormiston, Capt. Lyons,  
Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Mr. D. E. Brown, Capt.  
Hodgins, Mr. Ross, of Messrs. Samuel, Samuel  
& Co., Japan, and last, but not least, the popular  
sport, Mr. H. N. Mody. I was also very glad  
to see Mr. Johnston, the ind-fatigable rider,  
who has been suffering from fever during the  
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I hope he will soon be taking his mounts  
around the track. Galloping took place to-day  
over both courses, which are keeping in excel-  
lent condition. The following were among the  
more important trials this morning:—  
The ball was opened by *D. Ward*, who went  
for a mile spin, the last three-quarters being  
timed 36, 1.10, 1.48.

*Algerine* was put to a similar gallop, and  
accomplished the last three-quarters in 37,  
1.09, 1.51.

No. 64, the famous sub, belonging to Mr



## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## The New Japanese Cruisers.

LONDON, 14th January.  
The Japanese cruiser *Kanga* has arrived at Port Said from Genoa.

LATER.

H.M.S. *King Alfred* and the Russian cruiser, *Dimitri Donskoi*, are coaling at Suez. The Japanese cruisers, *Kanga* and *Nishin*, are passing through the Canal, and the Russian battleship, *Oshyabia*, has arrived at Port Said.

## The United States in the Far East.

President Roosevelt has already selected Consuls for Mukden and Antung, and will send their names to the Senate directly. Congress provides salaries.

An official communiqué at Washington says that the establishment of foreign consulates at Mukden, Antung and Tatungkan will powerfully contribute towards ensuring the "open-door," to which America is irrevocably committed, and also towards the integrity of China and its administrative control of Manchuria.

## Diplomatic Appointment.

Mr. W. B. Townley, first secretary of the Legation at Peking, has been transferred to Constantinople.

## THE CHINESE IN AMERICA.

Rather an interesting question at the present moment, when the Chinese and Americans are so interested in each other, is, did the Chinese discover America? The claims of Columbus to be the discoverer of the Western World has been several times disputed. The Norwegians assert that "Erik the Red" landed in America five centuries before the great Spaniard sighted the unknown land. The French say that Jean Cousin discovered the Amazon long before Columbus, but now we learn that the Chinese claim to have discovered America. The chief grounds on which this contention is based is that the languages of the red, north-American Indian, and the Chinese are so much alike. One authority says:—

There can be no manner of doubt that there is very close relationship between the Indian dialects and the Chinese language; the resemblance between a large number of words is very striking, and they are alike in their structure, which is monosyllabic. On the other hand, a kind of physical identity proves that the Mexican Indians and the Chinese belong to the same Mongol race. The writer says that when he saw the Indians at Quadrat-Vancouver for the first time he was unable to distinguish them from Chinese and he spoke to them in the language of the Celestial Empire. Chinese women are so well aware of this resemblance that they disguise themselves as Indians in order the more easily to gain admittance into the State of Washington.

Mr. Masters quotes in support of his contention a fragment of the *Yuen-kin-lai-han*, a great Chinese encyclopedia, which runs into more than two hundred volumes. This fragment relates that in a certain year a Buddhist priest arrived in the village of King Chau on his return from a voyage to the Kingdom of Fusang, concerning which he gave various particulars. Fusang was situated to the east of China, and derived its name from the numerous Fusang trees which grow there; these trees grow to the height of bamboos, and the first canes are used by the natives as food. The fruit resembles a pear, and its colour was light red.

This is interesting although perhaps not quite reliable, but there is no doubt that the Chinese have helped materially in the prosperity of California, and it seems very wrong now to try and keep them out from there. The Californians should know the value of the Chinese by this time.—Ex.

## IMPORT CRICKET.

Thus the Straits Times—

The way in which the Hongkong cricket team ate up the Shanghai team at Shanghai last October is well known. What is only known to a privileged few is the overweening confidence the Shanghai warriors reposed in their own cricketing ability. Rumour is a lying jade; but it sometimes tickles our fancy as it did the other evening when we heard that three thousand of the very best dollars were bet on the match, sent down from Shanghai to Hongkong with a request that they be covered by 5 o'clock. This was done in far less time than it takes to write it, and so pleased were the men of Hongkong at the chance of riches which fortune had placed in their hands that they immediately wired for more. More, however, were not forthcoming. Our friend Billings was one of Shanghai's "first choice" for this match. We wonder whether he was a partner in this business enterprise. We trust and think not, for to lay 6 to 1 in hundred-dollar lots and then to get flogged is not what we should expect of a Singapore cricketer.

GENERAL Aide-de-Camp Alexei, of Russia's Viceroy in the Far East, has recently published his opinion of the Pacific Squadron. From October 25 to November 2 the Viceroy was present with the squadron, which numbered 30 vessels, and which passed in review before him. The Viceroy says that he was able to convince himself of the perfect condition of every vessel, and also of the satisfactory health of all the crews. Moreover, having put the vessels through various manoeuvres, the Viceroy was convinced that the organisation on board with a view to naval warfare is perfect, and he was especially satisfied at the firing of the big guns at moving targets.

## THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT &amp; TRADING CO., LTD.

The Chairman and Directors submit their report for 1903 as follows:—

Regrettable but unavoidable delay has been caused by the alliance of Eastern Producers, referred to in the last report, being remodelled and extended so as to include important Russian Producers. The protracted negotiations have recently been brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., has been formed and duly registered.

An amalgamation of interests so extensive and far-reaching has rendered the adjustment of Accounts somewhat tedious, and the settlement of same with the Asiatic Petroleum Co., as from the first July to the 31st December, 1903, has been necessarily delayed.

When no other course was found feasible, estimates were made and submitted to your Auditors, and in the Profit and Loss Account for the current year, the result of the final adjustment, as compared with the estimated figures, will be separately recorded.

Including the amount brought forward from 1902, there stands to the credit of Profit and Loss £246,298 12s. 8d.

Payment has been made of Income Tax to the amount of £14,130 7s. 4d.; Management Commission (including Office Rent, Salaries and Expenses) and Directors' and Auditors' Fees to the extent of £19,088 10s. 0d.; Interest to the extent of £8,025 1s. 1d., and Dividend on Preference Shares to the amount of £26,181 18s. 9d. Provision has also been made of £85,457 11s. 11d. for depreciation of steamers and installations, and of £12,520 for proportion of unappropriated Preference Dividend, and there remains to be carried to the Balance Sheet £9,555 10s. 0d.

Providing for the Dividend paid on the 1st January of this year, there remains to be carried forward the sum of £9,555 10s. 0d.

During the year under review, the capital of the Company has been increased by the issue of 100,000 shares of £1 each, at 10s. per share, for a total of £1,000,000. The cost of the issue was £59,198 18s. 1d. of which £60,000 has been written off from Revenue.

The Accounts of the Nederlandsche Indische Industrie en Handel Maatschappij on this side have been submitted to your Auditors, but further particulars being required, reference has been made to the other side, and arrangements have been made for a local audit in the future. The profits of the Nederlandsche Indische Industrie en Handel Maatschappij will, when that undertaking is in a proper working basis, be dealt with separately.

The production of Crude Oil from the Borneo Fields during the year 1903 was 1,260,000 tons. The current year's production shows a substantial increase.

Your Directors have to announce with deep regret, that since the last General Meeting, the Company has lost by death the services of two valued members of the Board, Mr. James Stevens, who died in March, 1903, and Mr. Jacob Arnold, who died in July, 1903.

Mr. Frederick Lane resigned his seat on the Board on the 30th December, 1903.

On the invitation of the Directors, Mr. William Foot Mitchell, formerly of Japan, and Mr. Robert James Black, formerly of Madras, have joined the Board.

The Directors retiring by rotation are the Chairman, Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Best and Mr. Philip Arnold, all of whom, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs & Co., retire under Article 100 of the Articles of Association, and are eligible for re-election.

## THE TIBETAN MISSION.

The following news arrived in Calcutta on 8th ult.

The occupation of the important post of Phari will, probably have a far-reaching effect both in the Chambi valley itself as well as in Bhutan. The Tibetan force which had collected in the rear of Khamba Jung has apparently disappeared and may have dispersed after the Mission withdrew from that post. The advance of the British force to Jelapla has evidently been a complete surprise to the Tibetans and the occupation of the fort which practically dominates the road to Tibet and Chambi Valley may perhaps end in a satisfactory termination of the business now in hand. It is believed that General Macdonald has left two or three hundred Gurkhas at Phari and is now camping in the valley about 15 miles off. The Tibetans have a saying that "when the English come to Lhasa rice will grow at Phari" so impossible apparently do they think it for the British force to reach their capital. The troops continue to bear the intense cold very satisfactorily.

Further news from the Tibet mission states that each man digs a hole for himself in the ground at night under his tent and when this has been filled with dry grass and his bed has been laid on top of it, it makes a snug place to sleep in. The men found they had to gasp for breath at first when eating owing to the rarity of the atmosphere but this wears off rapidly. The only case of invaliding amongst officers so far is Dr. Pilkington, 23rd Pioneer, who is down with mountain sickness and liver.

At Gmtong 12,300 feet above sea level the weather is crisp with bright sunshine alternating with thick white fog as the cloud rolled over in the daytime and was very cold at night. The pounds were frozen and the hill streams a mass of icicles, sometimes two feet thick. The climb over the Jelapla pass into the Chambi valley was a stiff one. The top of the pass is 4,700 feet above the sea and the road on the first side which descends nearly 6,000 feet into the Chambi valley is steep and difficult. The valley is a good deal warmer than Gmtong and the inhabitants are exceedingly friendly. Here a useful corps of fifty Mounted Infantry was organised under Captain Outley. On reaching Phari the Governor of the Tibetan fort camp in

wearing a quantity of jewellery evidently relieved in his mind to discover that the mission was friendly. The only complaint of the escort is there seems to be no prospect whatever of their having any fighting.

Mr. Hayden of the Geological Survey is with the mission but the cold makes the task of examining the strata very difficult. The next pass to be negotiated is the Tang Lax 15,700 feet high. Though a thousand feet higher than the Jelapla it is said to be less difficult to cross owing to its easier gradients.

## COMMERCIAL.

## WEEKLY SHARE REPORTS.

In their report, dated to-day, Messrs. Erich Georg and Co. state:—

The constantly thickening atmosphere of the political situation in the North, and a higher rate of exchange on London, had a weakening influence on our share market, and business during the week under review has been on a very moderate scale, while quotations have ruled rather unsteady. The sterling demand rate on London is 1s. 10 1/2d., while the rates on Shanghai are 1s. 7 1/2d. for a T/T, and 1s. 7 1/4d. to 7 1/2d. for three days' sight Private Paper.

Writing under yesterday's date, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state:—

Owing to the continued rumours of war, business has been almost at a standstill and we have but very little to report.

Both the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, and the West Point Building Company, Limited, have given notice of their sixteenth ordinary meetings of shareholders to be held on the 27th January. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to 27th instant, both days inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled very weak locally and are obtainable at 56 1/2d. In London, on the other hand, the stock is said to have strengthened to 63 1/2d. Subject to audit, the directors will recommend at the forthcoming meeting a dividend of thirty shillings and a bonus of ten shillings per share, and the addition of \$500,000 to silver reserve fund which will then stand at \$5,000,000. About \$1,400,000 will be carried forward. In anticipation of a good annual report, and owing, to some extent, to the rise in exchange, Nationals have still further improved and are in strong demand at \$35, but without any response from sellers.

Marine Insurance.—No business has come under our notice nor is there any alteration in rates to report. At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the North China Insurance Company, Limited, held in London on the 3rd December last, resolutions with regard to the reconstruction of the company were passed, and same were confirmed at a subsequent meeting held on the 22nd ultimo. The capital now is £500,000 divided into 100,000 fully paid up shares of £5 each. For every share in the old company, shareholders are entitled, on surrendering the certificates for their shares and making request in writing, to receive an allotment of two shares in the new company, with £5 credited as paid up on each, and a warrant (payable on and after this date, at the Hongkong Bank, Shanghai) for Tls. 81.87 for every share in the old company, being the equivalent of £10 at exchange 2/5 1/2d. per tacl. We quote the new shares at Tls. 69.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fires are down to \$300. China Fires keep steady at \$24.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have receded to \$31. Indo-Chinas have not maintained their position and after sales at various prices the market closes quiet at \$72. China and Manilas have further declined to \$6. Shell Transports have weakened and close at \$1 1/2. There is nothing doing in other stocks under this head.

Refineries.—We have heard of no business.

Mining.—All stocks in this section are quiet and, beyond a small rise in Chinese Engineering, rates are practically unchanged.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are firm at \$99; Farnhams have changed hands at improving rates up to Tls. 124. Kowloon Wharves are still quoted at \$95. Hongkong Wharves have weakened and are offering at Tls. 212 1/2.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have stiffened and can be placed at \$157. Shanghai Lands have been bought at Tls. 107. Kowloon Lands are wanted at \$36. The company has issued its balance sheet for the year 1903, showing a net profit of \$16,436.55. The directors recommend a dividend of \$60 per share. Hongkong Hotels have dropped to \$147, and Astor House Hotels have been disposed of in Shanghai at \$19. Humphreys Estate are steady at \$113. China Providents have again been sold at \$9.80.

Cotton Mills.—Ewes have sellers at Tls. 32. Transactions in Laou-Kung-Mows are reported in Shanghai at Tls. 27 1/2, and in 'oy-Chees at Tls. 170.

Cigar Companies.—Sumatras have advanced to Tls. 53 and are inquired for. Alhambras and Philipines are without change at \$200 and \$10 respectively.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cement has hardened and are in request at \$35. A. S. Watsons have been sold at \$14 1/2, and more shares are procurable. Electrics are unchanged at \$12 1/2 (old), and \$7 (new). Geo. Fenwicks can be placed at \$50. Langkats have changed hands at Tls. 305.

## FORTNIGHTLY MARKET REPORT.

Cotton.—Arrivals during the fortnight about 1,900 bales. A decline of \$2 to \$4 per picul failed to induce buyers to come forward in the market; the stock is estimated at about 3,000 bales.

Chinese, Thongchow about 250 bales changed hands at \$32 per picul. Stock is about 250 bales.

Yarn.—A steady advance in the value of silver and the rise in the rate of exchange on India made importers hasty sellers and with a decline of \$2 to \$3 per bale a moderate business

was done of about 2,150 bales is reported. The unsold stock is estimated at about 42,000 bales. No sales are reported in Local production; market closes quiet, but firm. Japanese yarn about 450 bales changed hands at \$137 to \$134 per bale.

Malwa Opium: Sales.—New 7 chests at \$920—4 chests at \$930—6 chests at \$940—13 chests at \$950—Old 16 chests at \$960 and 5 chests at \$980—Older, 4 chests at 1,000, Older 13 chests at \$1,080 and 18 chests at \$1,100; in all about 86 chests. The stock is estimated at about 1,266 chests.

Bengal Opium ruled very firm, and meagre stocks had the effect of an advance in rates. Sales are reported of Patna about 521 chests at \$1,250 to \$1,270, Benares about 113 chests at \$1,250 to \$1,270. The unsold stock is estimated at about 370 chests.

Persian Opium.—Prices show an advance and sales are reported of about 94 chests at \$900 to \$950 per picul. The stock is about 4,988 chests.

Miscellaneous:—Cloves \$20 to \$38 Senna \$57 Oilbunum \$10 to 25 Saltpetre \$10 to \$11 Borax \$17 to 19 Vermilion 87 Beans \$3 to 4 Cassia \$161 to 25 Ivory \$30 to 70

## YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Cawasjee Pallanjee &amp; Co. in their report dated 11th inst. write as follows:—

The chief factor that has almost ruled our Yarn Market during the fortnight has been the fluctuations in the rate of Exchange on India. Soon after the departure of the last mail a higher tendency in the rupee rate set in which caused a great deal of impatience amongst most of the importers to realize for the goods in their hands. Prices, in consequence, gave way from 6 to three dollars per bale on last mail's quotations without leading to any important business. The Chinese dealers as well as speculators, under the impression of a further rise in the rate of exchange and a decline in the prices of yarn, kept themselves aloof and made pur-hases for their actual requirements only. The market closes unsteady. A very limited business transpired in No. 20s at a decline of \$1 to \$3 per bale; dealer productions are difficult of sale. Only two chops of No. 16s changed hands; others are not in much request. No. 12s has also suffered a decline and a moderate business is reported. As usual No. 10s moved to a fair extent at declining rates. Nos 8s and 6s are out of favour. Sales during the fortnight comprised of about 1,475 bales of No. 1s to 200 bales of No. 16s, and 400 bales of No. 20s; in all about 2,150 bales. Arrivals per steamers *Bengal, Ichia, Maria Valer, Arcton, Apcar, and Laianag* of about 9750 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and the Coast Ports amount to about 6,500 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 42,000 bales.

Local Productions.—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn.—Sales of about 450 bales @ \$137 to \$134 are reported.

Exchange.—We quote to-day on India at Rs 137 1/2 per \$100. London at 1s. 10 1/2d. = \$.

## SHANGHAI SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. J. P. Bisset &amp; Co. write in their share report, dated Shanghai, the 8th instant, as follows:—

The principal feature of our market during the week has been the closing up of the Settlement for December. A very large settlement indeed but disposed of very satisfactorily in spite of considerable losses in some of our principal stocks.

SHIPPING.—Indo.—Shorts ruled the market at this settlement and holders were obliged to come down to their prices. The market opened on the 23rd with sales at Tls. 54 1/2, 54 1/4, 54 and 54 1/2. On the 24th 54 March was again done. 28th 54 and 54 1/2 December and 54 1/2 January. 29th cash sales were effected at 51 and 50, with 52 March, 30th sales at 50. The market closes with buyers at 50 and sellers at 51. Shell Transports are being inquired for but no business is reported.

DOCKS AND WHARVES.—A considerable business has been done in Farnhams at improved rates. The market opened on the 23rd with cash sales at Tls. 116, 117 and 116 1/2, and 116 December 118 and 120 March and 119 April. On the 24th December Settlement shares were placed at 116 1/2. 28th cash shares were placed at Tls. 118 with sales at Tls. 117 and 117 1/2 December 121, 121 1/2, and 122 and 122 1/2 March and 123 April. 29th at 115 120 and 119, and 120 cash, 123 March, 30th at 120 cash and 123 and 124 March. The market closes steady with buyers at the latter rates, or probably 121 for cash. Shanghai & Fongkew Wharves.—Business has been done at Tls. 217 cash and 217 1/2 and 218 March, and later on the 29th cash sales were effected at 215. The market is steady at these rates.

INDUSTRIAL.—C. Lines.—The only business reported is in Laou Kung Mows at Tls. 40. Puffs have been done at Tls. 120. Gas at 107 1/2. China Flours at Tls. 85 January delivery, and new shares at Tls. 55 March delivery. Maatschappij, &c. in Langkats.—The market opened on the 23rd with sales at Tls. 310, 307 1/2, and 305 December 315 and 320 March, 327 1/2 and 330 April. On the 24th March shares were placed at Tls. 320. On the 23rd March shares were placed at 325. 29th cash shares fetched 324, and 313 and 313 1/2 with sales for March, 327 1/2 and 325 and for April at Tls. 330 and 332 1/2. On the 30th cash shares were done at 315, 312 1/2 and 312 1/2. The market closes with buyers at 317 1/2 for cash and 315 for March. Shanghai Waterworks, a few shares are offering at slightly under present quotations.

Since the date of our last circular (23rd December, 1903) the big Settlement for the end of the year was passed through and very satisfactory, and prices ruling at the end of the year were maintained at the opening of January. Since then there has been a weakening of some of the stocks, particularly Langkats, due largely to the rise in Exchange and an increasing tightness of money. We have prepared a table

of appreciation and depreciation of stocks borne on our market report during 1903. The depreciation amounts to nearly fourteen millions. Of this sum, however, has to be noted a heavy depreciation in Shell Transport and Trading Co. shares amounting to about 7 1/2 million taels, also of Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. of nearly two millions. In these two stocks we are glad to say this port is not deeply interested, but it suffers principally through the depreciation in Farnham, Boyds' which amounts to a little over 3 1/2 millions and in Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves of nearly two millions, while the port has benefited by an appreciation in Langkats of over 3 1/2 millions. A Schedule showing the appreciation and depreciation of all stocks will be issued in a few days and will accompany our next circular. The T. T. rate on London to-day is 2/6 1/2.

## TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.	
London—Bank T.T.	1/10 1/2
Do. Demand	1/10 5/16
Do. 4 months' sight	1/10 9/16
France—Bank T.T.	2/33
America—Bank T.T.	45
Germany—Bank T.T.	1/8 1/2
India T.T.	1/37 1/2
Do. Demand	1/37 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	71 1/2
Japan—Bank T.T.	92
Singapore—Bank T.T.	Nominal
Java—Bank T.T.	111 1/2

Buying.	
1 months' sight L/C	1/10 11/16
6 months' sight L/C	1/10 13/16
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	45 1/2
1 months' sight	46 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	1/10 15/16
4 months' sight France	2/37
6 months' sight	2/38 1/2
4 months' sight Germany	1/9 1/2
at Silver	27 5/16
Bank of England rate	4 1/2

## OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

	Per chest
Malwa New	@ 90/930
" Last Year	@ 950/1,000
" Oldest	@ 1,040/1,100
Patna New	@ 1,252 1/2
Benares New	@ 1,252 1/2
Persian Paper	@ 830/930

## To-day's Advertisements.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of January, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Shau-Ki-Wan, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, commencing from 24th September, 1900, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Shau-Ki-Wan	47' 47' 20' 20'	940'	6	470

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [127]

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
2	Shau-Ki-Wan	5' 45' 70' 20'	1,250'	8	625

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [128]

## THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN ADDITION TO DAIRY PRODUCTS, we are now sending HOME-FEED CAPONS and CHICKENS Daily from our Farm to our Depots, for the Convenience of Customers. Orders need not be sent in a day previous as heretofore.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS should apply at our BRANCH in ELGIN ROAD, Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [131]

## REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL (With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Ship	Departure
"SIKH"	26th Jan.
"SAGAMI"	6th Feb.
"AFRIDI"	To follow.

For Freight and further Information, apply to DODWELL & Co. LIMITED, Agents. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [132]

## To-day's Advertisements.

## THE HONGKONG, CANTON &amp; MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the Appointment of a Director and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to the 6th February, inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [129]

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Company's Steamship

## "HAIMUN."

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS, LAURIE & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [130]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

## "MALTA."

## FROM BOMBAY



## Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.  
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AND SUMATRA PORTS.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 9th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 15th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MEPELUS"	On 21st February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHEPEUS"	On 27th February.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP.	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
*LIVERPOOL (With Transshipment at Singapore).	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
*GENOA, MARSEILLES & LPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 22nd January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 2nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 15th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"PINGSUEY"	On 24th January.
	"AGAMEMNON"	On 20th February.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"ANHUI"	18th January, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"FOOCHOW"	18th "
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"PAKHAI"	19th "
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"SHANTUNG"	19th "
ILOILO	"WUCHANG"	20th "
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	21st "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	23rd "

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CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 30th Jan., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Nottley		

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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1904.

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## THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. P. Craven	Jan. 30, 1904.
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	Feb. 13, "
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	Mar. 15, "

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Steamship	Captain	Tons	Sailing Date.
ROSETTA MARU	H. S. Smith	3,876	THURSDAY, 21st January, at 11 A.M.
ROHILLA MARU	Ernest Bent	3,869	WEDNESDAY, 27th January, at 11 A.M.

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1904.

K. MATSUDA, Acting Manager.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
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Hongkong, 2nd January, 1904. [104]

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No. 8, Queen's Road West.  
Hongkong, 30th May, 1903. [11]

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

## S.S. "WING CHAI"

Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week Days, at 7:30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays, at 8:30 A.M.; from Macao, Week Days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7:30 P.M.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1904. [123]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [115]

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [111]

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## TO-MORROW.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral:—Communion, 7 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5:45 p.m.  
Roman Catholic Cathedral:—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9:30 a.m. Benediction, 5:30 p.m.  
German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:—Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
St. Francis Church, Wanchai:—Mass (Latin), 6 a.m., (Port.) 7:30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.  
St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass, 8 a.m.  
Wesleyan Methodist Church:—Morning Service, at St. Andrew's Hall, during the enlargement of the Church, at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Arsenal Street, at 3 p.m., Evening Service at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, at 6 p.m.  
Union Church:—Services, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

## St. Peter's Seamen's Church.

Queen's Road West.  
Matins 11 a.m., Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Jubilate, Gitch; Hymns, 276, 364, 594 and 218. Kyrie.  
Holy Communion 12:15 p.m.  
Evensong 6:30 p.m., Magnificat, Tarle; Nunc, Tucker; Hymns, 291, 262, 274 and 255. The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9:15 and 10:30 a.m., and between 5:15 and 6 p.m.; returning afterwards. The Answering Bannant is the Call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school 10 to 10:45 a.m.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:  
On the 16th at 11:30 a.m. the barometer has risen over N. China and N.E. Japan, and is little changed elsewhere.  
Pressure remains high over N. China, and gradients are steeper with the monsoon again increasing in strength in the Formosa Channel and N. part of the China Sea.  
Forecast:—fresh N.E. winds; fair.

	Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.	Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.16	30.05
Temperature	64	66
Humidity	78	67
Rainfall	—	—

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.  
January 16th, 1904, a.m.

	Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wr.
Vladivostok 7 a.m.	—
Vemuro 6 a.m.	30.96 NW 6
Hakodate 30.05 — 0	
Tokio 30.06 — NW 2	
Kobe 30.09 — SW 2	
Nagasaki 30.19 — NW 4	
Kagoshima 30.15 — N 4	
Oshima 30.16 — N 6	
Naha 30.17 — NE 2	
Ishigakijima 30.09 — E 6	
Taihou 30.12 — E 4	
Tsichu 30.09 — — 0	
Tamui 30.09 — N 4	
Koshu 30.07 — — 0	
Pescadore 30.09 — NE 6	
Wei-hai-wei 30.09 — — 0	
Gutliat 30.42 45 84 N 3 CV	
Sharp Peak 30.22 58 88 N 2 CV	
Amoy 6:30 a.m. 30.10 65 82 WNE 2 0	
Swatow 9 a.m. 30.20 65 — 0 om	
Canton 11 a.m. 30.15 65 76 E 4 0	
Victoria Peak 30.14 — E 7	
Gap Rock 30.13 66 — E 1 C	
Haiphong 30.96 77 68 SW 2 0	
Barcelo 9 a.m. 30.87 80 — NE 3 0	
Cebu 30.88 82 — — 0 b	
C. St. James 10 a.m. — — — —	

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET  
PRICES.

Corrected 16th January, 100 cts. per \$ Mex.

## BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa	17
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	17
" Roast—Shiu	17
" Breast—Ngau Lam	13
" Soup, Tong Yuk	13
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	17
" Serjoin—Ngau Lau	26
" Sausages—Ngau Yuk Chung	16
Bullock's Brains—Know	per set
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	each
" Corned—Ham Ngau Li	45
" Head—Ngau Tau	5
" Heart—Ngau Sum	13
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin	each
" Feet—Ngau Kerk	each
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	16
" Tail—Ngau Mei	16
" Liver—Ngau Con	16
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau Ton	5
" Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai	tau-keok
" Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kw	25
" Leg—Yeung Pui	24
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau	22
" Pig's Chittlings—Chi chong	7
" Brains—Chi Know	per set
" Feet—Chi Kerk	12
" Fry—Chi Chak	12
" Head—Chi Tau	13
" Heart—Chi Sum	each
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu	pair
" Liver—Chi Con	16
" Pork Chop—Chi Pui Kwat	18
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	18
" Leg—Chu Pui	22
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	22
" Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau	55
" Keok	set
" Heart—Yeung Sum	each
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	10
" Liver—Yeung Con	16
" Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	16
" Suet, Beef—Sung Ngau Yau	17
" Mutton—Sung Yeung Yau	20
" Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	20
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong	15
Chicken—Kai Chai	25
" Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai	25
" Ducks—Pan Kau	14
" Doves—Pan Kau	each
" Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per doz
" Fowls, Canton—Kai Tan	21
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	23
" Geese—Ngai	21
" Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye	15
" Goose—Wong Keng	each
" Hare—Tu Chai	3-60
" Partridge—Che Khoo	55
" Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair
" Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup	each
" Hoihow—Hoihow Pak Kup	20
" Quail—Um Chun	16
" Nio Birds—Wo Pa Cheuk	dozen

Snipe—Sa Chui	each	23
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	each	58
" Hen—Na	each	45
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sulap	pair	\$1.15
Teal, Shanghai, Sulap	each	43
Wild Ducks Canton—Sung Shing Sui	each	75
Apea	per pair	

## FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	13
Bream—Bin Yu	13
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	13
Carp—Li Yu	16
Catfish—Chik Yu	16
Codfish—Mun Yu	14
Croakers—Hoi Yu	24
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	14
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	14
Dog Fish—Fit Yu	8
Eels, Conjor—Hoi Nam Yu	15
" Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	14
" Yellow—Wong Sin	28
Frogs—Tien Kai	32
Garoupa—Sek Pan	50
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	27
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu	20
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	18
Loach—Wu Yu	10
Lobsters—Lung Ha	21
Mackerel—Chi Yu	14
Monk Fish—Mon Yu	24
Mullet—Chai Yu	22
Oysters—Sung Hoo	22
Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu	18
Perch—Tau Loo	15
Pike—Fa Paw Poong	10
Plaice—Pan Yu	16
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	22
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	28
Prawns—Ming Ha	40
Ray—Pei Pa Sa	20
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kung	14
Roach—Chun Yu	11
Salmon, (Chin), fresh water—Ma Yau	28
Shark—Sa Yu	18
Skate—Po Yu	18
Shrimps—Ha	25
Snapper—Lap Yu	25
Soles—Tat Sa Yu	15
Tench—Wan Yu	16
Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu	20
Turtles, small, fresh water—Keok Yu	40
White Bait—Ngan Yu Chai	—

## FRUITS.

Almond—Hung Yan	20
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping	15
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping	15
" Small—Hoi Tong	15
" Custard—Fan Lai Chi	8
Hanasan, (Sri Lanka), Canton—Sung Sheng	4
Heung Chiu	3
" (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	10
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut	10
Catambola—Yeung Tou	8
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tsz	each
Grapes—Sin Tai Tsz	20
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	6
" Amer—Kum San Ning Moong	7
Lichees, Dried—Lai Chi Chai	15
" Fresh, Lai Chi Chai	15
Limes, (Sri Lanka)—Sai Kung Ning	5
Moong	each
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Moong	8
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong	8
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tsz	doz
Oranges, (Canton)—San Sheng Tim	5
Chang	5
" Small—Tai Kut	5
" Mandarin—Tim Kut	5
Olives—Pak Lam	6
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shut Li	8
" (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li	15
" (Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li	10
Peanuts, —Fa Sang	10</



## Shipping.

## Arrivals.

Wuchang, Br. s.s., 301, Somerville, 15th Jan.  
—Lilo 11th Jan, Gen.—B. & S.  
Triton, Ger. s.s., 1,033, Kradt, 15th Jan.  
—Saigon 10th Jan, Gen.—S. & Co.  
Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,245, Schultz, 15th Jan.  
—Shanghai 12th Jan, Gen.—S. & Co.  
Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, Suzoni, 15th Jan.  
—Haiphong and Hoihow 14th Jan, Rice  
and Pigs.—A. R. M.  
Thetis, Br. cruiser, 3,400, Wilkinson, 15th Jan.  
—from Sandakan  
Elizabeth Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 997, Schmalz, 15th Jan.  
—Bangkok 5th Jan, Rice.—A. R. M.  
Shini Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,388, Ashider, 15th Jan.  
—Moji 10th Jan, Coal.—Kusakabe & Co.  
Chunyang, Br. s.s., 1,418, Cox, 15th Jan.  
—Samarang 4th Jan, Sugar.—J. M. & Co.  
Daphne, Ger. s.s., 1,290, Schipper, 16th Jan.  
—Samarang 6th Jan, Gen.—E. A. T. Co.  
Hong Moh, Br. s.s., 2,555, Dawson, 16th Jan.  
—Singapore 9th Jan, Gen.—Joo Teck Seng.  
Nanyang, Ger. s.s., 963, Hass, 16th Jan.  
—Christmas Island 6th Jan, Phosphates.  
—E. A. T. Co.  
Gisela, Aust. s.s., 1,250, Darmanonch, 16th Jan.  
—Trio 7th Dec, and Singapore 9th Jan, Gen.—S. W. & Co.  
Kashang, Br. s.s., 1,143, Brown, 16th Jan.  
—Canton 15th Jan, Gen.—B. & S.  
Choyang, Br. s.s., 1,424, Roope, 16th Jan.  
—Shanghai 11th Jan, and Swatow 15th Jan, Gen.—M. & Co.  
Ocean, H.M.S. battleship, 17,950, Foote, 16th Jan.  
—Mira Bay 16th Jan.  
Monterey, Am. motor, 4,014, Bechler, 16th Jan.  
—Canton 16th Jan, Gen.—B. & S.  
Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,142, Tuckeb, 16th Jan.  
—Canton 16th Jan, Gen.—B. & S.  
Malta, Br. s.s., 3,093, Daniel, 16th Jan.  
—Bombay 30th Dec, and Singapore 11th Jan, Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Clearances at the Harbour Office.  
Elig, for Rangoon.  
Kuangchow, for Canton.  
Nanyang, for Kobe.  
Chanwai, for Wuchow.  
Choyang, for Canton.  
M. Stru, for Haiphong.  
Chunyang, for Kobe.  
Arara, for Shanghai.  
Haitan, for Wuchow.  
Daig Maru, for Swatow.  
Hoi Ho, for Canton.  
Benlomon, for Rangoon.  
Wingchui, for Macao.  
Sun Cheong, for Canton.  
Kashang, for Shanghai.  
Arratoon Apear, for Singapore.  
Tjimiht, for Singapore.

## Departures.

Jan. 16.  
Coromandel, for Europe.  
Alga, for San Francisco.  
Rainbow, Am. cruiser, for Manila.  
Williamston, Am. mgn., for Manila.  
Zafiro, for Manila.  
Kintuck, for Shanghai.  
Aphro, for Shanghai.  
Madawar Maru, for Swatow.  
Wasing, for Canton.  
Arratoon Apear, for Calcutta.  
M. Stru, for Haiphong.  
Loongmoon, for Canton.

## Passengers Arrived.

Per Hong Moh, from Singapore—1,272 Chinese.  
Per Greta, from Trieste—Mr. and Mrs. Holbome, Mrs. Schultz, and 600 Chinese from Singapore.  
Per Choyang, from Shanghai—Messrs. H. J. Barrett, C. G. Rundle, Mrs. Garcia and children, and 30 Chinese.  
Per Malta, for Hongkong from London—Mr. and Mrs. Strauss, Surgeon E. C. E. Stanfor, R.N., and Mr. Ricketto. From Marseilles—Messrs. E. Selegmann, J. Forrest, Surgeon Charles Thomas, R.N., Fleet Paymaster Braden, Messrs. C. Conlon, C. H. C. Pearson, Rev. R. Coles, and Mr. Mrs. and Miss Watson. From Penang—Mr. Chud Leysum. From Singapore—Lieut. Douglas B. la Matte, Dis. on C. H. Brent, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, Messrs. R. B. Beattie, Wong An Fook and native servant, F. D. Brown, Hackstuck, and 2 Mail Officers. For Shanghai from Bombay—Lady Bromley, Mr. H. C. Bromley, and Mr. and Mrs. Rat-nice. From London—Mr. G. A. Turner. From Marseilles—Mr. A. R. Owen. From London—Misses Shepherd and Adam. For Yokohama—Messrs. A. J. Murry Sivart, G. A. George, and Mrs. Carter.

## Passengers departed.

Per Coromandel, for Shanghai for London—Lieut. J. M. Scott, R.N., Messrs. J. Smith, P. Rielly, Mrs. Vate, Messrs. Miyasaka and Kulo. For Marseilles—Miss A. Ward, Messrs. A. Hide, Lathrop, and Miss Lathrop. For Brindisi—Lieut. Paurino Ulyse, and Chief-Engr. P. Vincenzo. For Singapore—Madame Serge de Pescoff, and F. Gilbert. From Hongkong for London—Mr. and Mrs. Southern, and Miss Southern. From Southern, Mrs. R. Beaumont, Engr. Comdr. H. J. Rampling, Fleet Paymaster—Edw. R. D. Fasken, and Lieut. Henry Gratton. For Marseilles—Messrs. C. W. Roberts, Robert Peelle, G. A. Maclean and Richard Arkwright. For Brindisi—Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Copok, Mr. J. B. Wood, and Mrs. N. A. Wood. For Port Said—Mrs. Geo. F. Vail, Mrs. Elise Vail, Messrs. Geo. F. Vail, Henry F. Welch, John Stewart, and Dr. James F. Watson. For Bombay—Lieut. Delme Radcliff. For Colombo—Mr. J. A. C. Fort, Dr. J. W. Egbert, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bourne. For Singapore—Messrs. R. A. Kerkhoven, Fox Kirk, L. Cole, F. P. Brown, Wong Kni, Wong Fong, and Mrs. Gilbert.

Per Zila, for Manila—Major C. McD Townsend, Messrs. F. Nello, Juan N. Fierro, C. Luetie, J. H. Gibson, A. Villiger, Jose Verches, Robert Mitchell, G. Vebuhr, Jovani Rachia, Simeon Almania, C. Joey, C. Scenter, Fritz Wissburn, W. A. Brown, L. Tanner, and C. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gantz, Mrs. Sterling, Jr. Mrs. U. Sebre, and Mrs. H. B. Soule.

## Shipping Reports.

Str. Wuchang from Hoihow—Good weather, N.E. winds and sea.

Str. Daphne from Samarang—Fine weather from port to port, passage 8 days 20 hours.

Str. Nanyang from Christmas Island—Fresh N.E. monsoon till N. Dmijr, thence to port light N.E. wind and sea.

Str. Triton from Saigon—Cape St. James to Yarela, fresh N.W. monsoon, thence to port fine weather, moderate sea.

Str. Choyang from Samarang—Java to Kapones light variable winds and fine, thence to arrival fresh N.E. monsoon.

Str. Hong Moh from Singapore—Strong N. to N.E. winds to Paracels, and moderate N.E. monsoon, clear weather to port.

Str. Hongkong from Haiphong—Left Hoihow at 8 a.m. on 14th inst., very thick fog all day, in the evening cleared up, thence to port moderate to fresh E.N.E. wind and overcast.

Str. Choyang from Shanghai—Variable winds, S.E. swell and fine weather to Tse Island, thence calms, light variable winds and thick fog to Chapel Island; there to Swatow light S.W. winds, smooth sea, and fine weather, thence to port light E.W. winds, and fine weather.

## Ships Passed The Canal.

Outward—29th December—Merionethshire, Bengloe, Socatra, Monmouthshire, Chinkua, Ger. s.s., 1,033, Kradt, 15th Jan.  
—Haitan, Maru, Yarra, Moyne, Aristida, 16th Jan.  
—Andalusia, Glauco, Indramaya, 16th Jan.  
—Formosa, Siltia, (Aus.) Indrawadi, Faine, Linan, Salfordia, Seydlitz, 16th Jan.  
—Homeward—2nd January—Prins Heinrich, 6th Jan.  
—Glenshiel, 13th Jan.  
—Hysan, Kanuchi Maru, 13th Jan.  
Arrivals at Home—2nd January—Saxonia, Tantalus, Freiburg, 6th Jan.  
—Sydney, Sado Maru, 9th Jan.  
—Brithel, Ningchow, Polyphemus, 13th Jan.  
—Antenor, Kurdistan, Armand Behic, 13th Jan.

## Vessels in Port.

STAMMERS.  
Arara, Br. s.s., 2,48, Williamson, 4th Jan.  
—Manila 1st Jan, Gen.—S. T. & Co.  
Athenian, Br. s.s., 2,410, Robinson, 13th Jan.  
—Vancouver, B.C., 14th Dec, and Shanghai 16th Jan, 1 hour and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.  
Benlomon, Br. s.s., 1,752, Hutton, 10th Jan.  
—Moji 4th Jan, Gen.—L. & Co.  
Charles Hardouin, Fr. s.s., 876, Laurage, 15th Jan.  
—Nantes 15th Jan.  
Ballast, Br. s.s., 1,300, 15th Jan.  
Claverburn, Br. s.s., 2,338, Walker, R.N.R. 27th Dec.  
—New York 27th Dec, Case Oil—S. O. Co.  
Daig Maru, Jap. s.s., 850, Groves, 14th Jan.  
—Swatow 13th Jan, Gen.—O. S. K.  
Dilwara, Br. transport, 3,576, Mann, 15th Jan.  
—Southampton 8th Dec, and Singapore 9th Jan, Ballast—J. M. & Co.  
Director Arthur Barry, Ger. s.s., 1,176, Edler, 7th Jan.  
—Emden Germany 21st Oct, Ballast—J. & Co.  
Dorothea Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Schaefer, 13th Jan.  
—Bangkok 4th Jan, Rice—Order.  
Dunab, Aust. s.s., 2,492, Theanch, 11th Jan.  
—Moji 5th Jan, Coal.—B. & Co.  
Germanica, Ger. s.s., 2,775, Behrmann, 31st Dec.  
—Batoum 11th Nov, Cases Oil—Order.  
Glengyle, Br. s.s., 2,244, Darke, 15th Jan.  
—London 28th Nov, and Singapore 8th Jan, Gen.—McG. B. & G.  
Haimun, Br. s.s., 636, Hodgins, 15th Jan.  
—Swatow 14th Jan, Gen.—D. L. & Co.  
Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,182, Roach, 5th Jan.  
—Swatow 4th Jan, Gen.—D. L. & Co.  
Helene Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 994, Reiblenberg, 13th Jan.  
—Hoihow 11th Jan, Rice.—B. & S.  
Hounslow, Br. s.s., 1,860, Adshead, 11th Jan.  
—Kuchinotzu 5th Jan, Coal.—D. & Co. Ltd.  
Huron, Br. s.s., 1,980, Walsh, 14th Jan.  
—Kuchinotzu 8th Jan, Coals.—M. B. K.  
Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, Jackson, 3rd Jan.  
—Saigon 28th Dec, Rice and Meal—Nam Wo & Co.  
Laisang, Br. s.s., 2,225, Tadd, 11th Jan.  
—Singapore 4th Jan, Gen.—J. M. & Co.  
Lyria, Ger. s.s., 1,315, Porcelens, 5th Jan.  
—Hamburg 22nd Nov, Marine Stores—H. A. L.  
M. S. Dollar, Br. s.s., 4,166, Gow, 11th Jan.  
—Moji 6th Jan, Coal.—S. T. & Co.  
Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,373, Hillmann, 14th Jan.  
—Bangkok 2nd Jan, Rice and Wood—B. & S.  
Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, Bremer, 1st Jan.  
—Swatow 31st Dec, Gen.—S. & Co.  
Quatta, Ger. s.s., 1,145, Johansson, 20th Dec.  
—Mauritius 4th Dec, Sugar.—S. W. & Co.  
Tartar, Br. s.s., 4,415, Evans, 16th Dec.  
—Vancouver 16th Nov, and Shanghai 13th Dec, Gen.—C. P. R. Co.  
Toto Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,900, Asai, 12th Jan.  
—Saigon 7th Jan, Rice and Gen.—Sam Wang.  
Taurigisan Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,559, Narasaki, 2nd Jan.  
—Kuchinotzu 27th Dec, Coal.—M. B. K.  
Wongkoi, Ger. s.s., 1,115, Reher, 13th Jan.  
—Hoihow 12th Jan, Rice.—B. & S.  
Yushun, Ch. s.s., 1,070, Pratt, 15th Jan.  
—Swatow 13th Jan, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

## Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Bombay Maru	Singapore	N. Y. K.	Jan. 17
Iyo Maru	Shanghai	N. Y. K.	Jan. 17
Rosetta Maru	Manila	T. K. K.	Jan. 17
Bayern	Shanghai	M. & Co.	Jan. 18
Wyneric	Moji	D. & Co.	Jan. 18
Rubi	Manila	S. T. & Co.	Jan. 18
Emp. of India	Shanghai	C. P. R. Co.	Jan. 19
Doric	Japan	O. & O. Co.	Jan. 19
Lightning	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Jan. 19
Sithonia	Singapore	H. A. L.	Jan. 21
Gera	Colombo	M. & Co.	Jan. 22
Indravelli	Japan	P. & A. Co.	Jan. 23
Kumsaug	Calcutta	J. M. & Co.	Jan. 26
Indrapura	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Feb. 3
Tacoma	Victoria	N. P. Co.	Feb. 11

## Hongkong &amp; Whampoa Dock Returns.

Naming	at Kowloon Dock.
D. A. Barry	"
Germania	"
Huron	"
Prima	"
Kansu	"
Tartar	"
H.I.G.M.S. Moewe	"
H.M.S. Glory	"
U.S.A.T. Sacramento	"
Salamanka	Costopolitan
Chihli	"
Triton	"
C. Hardouin	"
Paul Beau	"
Honnin	"
Wongkoi	Aberdeen
Shanlung	"

## Post Office.

A Mail will close for:—  
Shanghai—Per Malta, 17th Jan, 9 A.M.  
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Manila—Per Sunghang, 21st Jan, 3 P.M.  
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STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	{ Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8=\$18 for half-year ending 30.6.1903. ....	\$64 1/2
National Bank of China, Ltd.	\$ 4	3/14=\$1.96 for 1902 .....	\$35 b.
Do. Founders.....	\$ 1	None .....	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of Cton, Ltd.	\$ 100	32 per cent=\$32 per share for 1902 ...	\$490 s.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 %=\$1 for year ended 30.4.1903.....	\$16 s.
North China In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	Final of £1 making £2 for 1902 .....	Tls. 60
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 %=\$12 for 1901 .....	\$135
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	30 %=\$15 per share for 1902.....	\$175
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$22 1/2 per share for 1901 .....	\$300
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901 .....	\$9 1/2
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903 .....	\$31
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	5 %=\$.50 per share for 1902 .....	\$7 1/2
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 %=\$5 per share for 1900.....	\$16
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903.....	\$30
"Star" Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	{ \$1.20 = 12% for year ending 30.6.1903 .....	\$30 s.
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	{ 30 cts. 30/4/03 .....	\$19
3rd Interim of 6d. for 1902 .....			£1 1/2
Interim of 2 % for 1903 .....			Tls. 30
Interim of 4 %=Tls. 2.00 .....			Tls. 50 s.
Interim of 3 1/2 %=Tls. 1.75 .....			Tls. 47 1/2 s.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903 .....	\$103
Lunghua Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$3 per share for 1897 .....	\$10 s.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	5 % =Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.03 .....	Tls. 52 1/2 s.
MINING.			
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None .....	\$1 s.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903.....	\$600 s.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£0.18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01 .....	\$6 s.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03 .....	Tls. 6.20 s.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	12 %=\$6 for 1 year 30.6.03.....	\$209
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1-year ending 31.10.1903 .....	Tls. 124 s.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903.....	\$95
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 60	\$2 1/2 for 1902 .....	\$38 s.
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903 .....	Tls. 212 1/2 s.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 %=\$80 cents per share for 1902 .....	\$9.80 s.
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Interim of \$6 for 1902 .....	\$167 b.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.30 per share for 1903 .....	\$36 b.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$1 1/2 for 1903 .....	\$52 1/2
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for first 1-year 1903 .....	\$147
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai) .....	\$ 25	2 1/2 % for year-ending 30.6.03 .....	\$29 s.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai) .....	Tls. 25	6 % for year ending 31.3.03 .....	Tls. 13 1/2
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1902 .....	\$11 1/2 s.
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6 % for 1903 .....	Tls. 107 s.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	{ Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1902/1903 .....	\$15 1/2 b.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	8 % for period ended 31.10.1903 .....	Tls. 32 s.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 75	Interim of 3 % on account of 1898 .....	Tls. 25 b.
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4 % on acct. of 1898 .....	Tls. 37 1/2 s.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4 % for period ended 31.12.1897 .....	Tls. 170 s.
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 500	25 % for year ending 30.6.1903 .....	\$200
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	First year .....	\$10
Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share .....	Tls. 53 b.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 %=\$1.20 per share for 1902 .....	\$15
China-Boreo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year .....	\$18 b.
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5 % for 1903 .....	\$1 1/4 s.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 per share for 1902 .....	\$14
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903 .....	\$12 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903 .....	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	10 % div. and 1 % bonus for 1902 .....	\$140 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902 .....	\$145 b.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent=\$3.75 for 1902 .....	\$50 b.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$4 for 1903 .....	\$245
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$20 for year ending 31.11.1903 .....	\$300
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903 .....	\$12 1/2 b.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$3 for 1902 .....	\$40 s.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£0.12.6	.....	\$5 s.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03 ...	\$9 1/2 b.
Do. Founders.....	\$ 10	\$20.70 .....	\$210 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6 % making 12 % for year .....	\$15 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None .....	\$5 1/2 b.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903 .....	\$9 1/2 b.
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